



**First Sunday of Advent**

**November 28, 2021**



**Love God. Love Your Neighbor.**

**[www.concordiafaith.org](http://www.concordiafaith.org)**

**773-281-1225**

**Concordia on Seeley**

**3855 N. Seeley**

**Sunday morning worship at 10am**

**In-person & virtual options**

**Join the livestream on Sunday mornings or view recordings  
of our past services on our YouTube channel.**

 **YouTube Concordia Church Chicago**

Welcome, and thank you for worshipping with us this morning.

Holy Communion happens at every service and is open to all  
baptized.

The restrooms are located downstairs; exit the sanctuary  
through the north doors in the back and follow the stairs down  
to your right into the fellowship hall.

## Prelude

## Psalm 25:1-10

### Greeting

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

### Lighting of the Advent Wreath

P: We praise you, Heavenly Father, for the Advent of your Son and the promise of your kingdom. As we light the first candle of this Advent Wreath, rouse us from sleep that we may be ready to greet our Lord when he comes with all the saints and angels. Grant this through Christ our Lord whose coming is certain and whose day draws near.

C: Amen

### Kyrie

ELW #155

The musical notation consists of two staves of music in G clef, common time, and a key signature of one flat. The first staff begins with a forte dynamic. The lyrics are as follows:

1, 3	Ky - ri - e	e - lei	- son.	Ky - ri - e	e - lei	- son.
2	Chris - te	e - lei	- son.	Chris - te	e - lei	- son.
1, 3	Lord, . . .	have mer	- cy.	Lord, . . .	have mer	- cy.
2	Christ, . . .	have mer	- cy.	Christ, . . .	have mer	- cy.

A melodic line is drawn over the second staff, connecting the notes for "mer" in the first line and "cy." in the third line. The second staff concludes with a final cadence on a strong note.

Below the staff, the lyrics continue:

Ky - ri - e	e - le	-	i - son.
Chris - te	e - le	-	i - son.
Lord, . . .	have mer	-	cy.
Christ, . . .	have mer	-	cy.

## Prayer of the Day

P: Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection alert us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and redeem us for your life of justice, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C:Amen.

## First Reading

**Jeremiah 33:14-16**

<sup>14</sup>The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. <sup>15</sup>In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. <sup>16</sup>In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

L: Word of God. Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

## Taize

**"Raise a Song of Gladness"**

Two-voice canon

Two-voice canon  
♩ = 84 (A) D G (B)

Ju - bi - la - te De - o om - nis ter ra.  
Raise a song of glad - ness, peo - ples of the earth.

Ser - vi - te Do - mi - no in lae - ti - ti - a.  
Christ has come, bring - ing peace, joy to ev - 'ry heart.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, in lae - ti - ti - a.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, joy to ev - 'ry heart!  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, in lae - ti - ti - a!  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, joy to ev - 'ry heart!

## Second Reading

## 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

<sup>9</sup> How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? <sup>10</sup> Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

<sup>11</sup> Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. <sup>12</sup> And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. <sup>13</sup> And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

L: Word of God. Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

*The Congregation stands and sings the acclamation*

Gospel Acclamation

**"Alleluia"**

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

P: The Gospel according to St. Luke.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

## Gospel

Luke 21:25-36

[Jesus said:] <sup>25</sup>“There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. <sup>26</sup>People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. <sup>27</sup>Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in a cloud’ with power and great glory. <sup>28</sup>Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

<sup>29</sup>Then he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree and all the trees; <sup>30</sup>as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. <sup>31</sup>So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. <sup>32</sup>Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. <sup>33</sup>Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

<sup>34</sup>“Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, <sup>35</sup>like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. <sup>36</sup>Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

## Gospel Acclamation (repeat acclamation)

## Sermon

Jennifer Phillips

Hymn of the Day

ELW 436 "Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying"

1 Wake, a - wake, for night is fly - ing, the watch-men  
 2 Zi - on hears the watch-men sing - ing, and all her  
 3 Glo - ri - a! Let heav'n a - dore you! Let saints and

on the heights are cry - ing; a - wake, Je - ru - sa - lem, at last.  
 heart with joy is spring - ing. She wakes, she ris - es from her gloom.  
 an - gels sing be - fore you, with harp and cym-bal's clear - est tone.

Mid - night hears the wel - come voic - es, and at the  
 Her dear friend comes down, all glo - rious, the strong in  
 Gates of pearl, twelve por - tals gleam - ing, lead us to

thrill-ing cry re - joic - es: "Come forth, you maid - ens! Night is past.  
 grace, in truth vic - to - rious: her star is ris'n; her light is come.  
 bliss be - yond all dream - ing, with an - gel choirs a - round your throne.

## Hymn of the Day con't

## ELW 436 "Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying"

The bride - groom comes! A - wake; your lamps with glad - ness take!"  
 Now come, O Bless - ed One, Lord Je - sus, God's own Son.  
 No eye has caught the light, no ear the thun - d'ring might

Al - le - lu - ia! Rise and pre - pare the feast to share;  
 Sing ho - san - na! Oh, hear the call! Come one, come all,  
 of such glo - ry. There we will go: what joy we'll know!

go, meet the bride - groom, who draws near.  
 and fol - low to the ban - quet hall.  
 There sweet de - light will ev - er flow.

## **Apostle's Creed**

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended into hell.**

**On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **The Prayers**

**A: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs. Lord, hear our prayer.**

**C: Come, Lord Jesus, Come.**

**A: God of majesty, we pray for the advent of your kingdom, and your reign of peace throughout the world, when violence and war give way to healing and life and the veil of darkness is cast off your world. Lord, hear our prayer.**

**C: Come, Lord Jesus, Come.**

A: God of grace and truth, let the light of your church shine forth in the world.  
Illuminate your church with the grace and love of your Son and fill your people  
with gratitude and faith. Lord, hear our prayer.

**C: Come, Lord Jesus, Come.**

A: Father in Heaven, we pray for the advent of your Son as glorious Lord of all;  
bringing light to those who dwell in darkness, joy to those in sorrow, hope to  
those in fear and despair. We pray especially for *Carol, Nancy, Pastor Steve*  
*Swanson, Perry, Gerry, Bob & Sue, Lola, Morgan, Joe, James, all those diagnosed with*  
*COVID-19, and for those who name before you* (pause for names). Lord, hear our  
prayer.

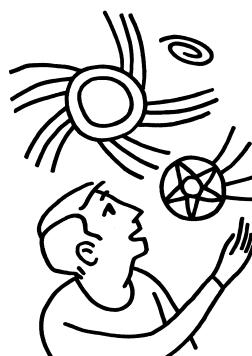
**C: Come, Lord Jesus, Come.**

A: Blessed are you, O God, Lord of all creation, we give you thanks for the  
ministries of our congregation, and the blessings of Concordia Church and  
Concordia Place . Use us to make radiant the lives of those you have called us  
to serve. We ask this through him whose coming is certain and whose day  
draws near. Lord, hear our prayer.

**C: Come, Lord Jesus, Come.**

P: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your  
mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**



*We encourage you to use this time for reflection & gratitude  
as we prepare for communion.*

## **Offertory**

**“Wait for the Lord”**

## **Liturgy of the Eucharistic Meal**

### **The Great Thanksgiving**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

### **Eucharistic Preface**

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy that we should at all times and in all places give thanks...

...with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho-ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
 heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -  
 san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -  
 est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
 san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## Eucharistic Prayer

P: Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father:

Endless is your mercy and eternal your reign.  
 You have filled all creation with light and life;  
 heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Through Abraham you promised to bless all nations.  
 You rescued Israel, your chosen people.  
 Through the prophets you renewed your promise;  
 and, at this end of all the ages, you sent your Son,  
 who in words and deeds proclaimed your kingdom  
 and was obedient to your will, even to giving his life.

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup  
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

P: Therefore, gracious Father, with this bread and cup  
we remember the life our Lord offered for us.  
And, believing the witness of his resurrection,  
we await his coming in power  
to share with us the great and promised feast.

**C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

P: Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit,  
the spirit of our Lord and of his resurrection,  
that we who receive the Lord's body and blood  
may live to the praise of your glory  
and receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.

**C: Amen. Come Holy Spirit.**

P: Join our prayers with those of your servants of every time and every place, and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest until he comes as victorious Lord of all.

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

C: Our Father in heaven,

    hallowed be your name,  
    your kingdom come,  
    your will be done,  
    on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

    as we forgive those  
    who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial  
    and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,  
    and the glory are yours,  
    now and forever. Amen.

### Communion Invitation

We invite all who are baptized in Christ to come forward for communion. All are welcome at the Lord's table. Parents of young children are asked to let the pastor know if they want their child to receive communion or a blessing.

Communion is served by continuous table around the altar, and you are asked to take a place as openings appear.

### Communion

Anthem

“And Art Thou Come with us to Dwell” by Alan Bullard

## **Post Communion Blessing**

**P:** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**C:** Amen.

## **Post Communion Prayer**

**A:** Holy and gracious God, you have blessed us at this holy meal and united us in the fellowship of our savior, Jesus Christ. Your generous blessings renew us to go forth to serve as your faithful people until your kingdom comes and your rule is established throughout the whole world.

**C: Amen. Come Lord Jesus, Come.**



## Closing Hymn

## ELW #259 "Fling Wide the Door"



1 Fling wide the door, un - bar the gate; the King of glo - ry  
 2 He is the rock of our be - lief, the heart of mer - cy's  
 3 Oh, hap - py towns and bless - ed lands that live by their true  
 4 Come, Lord, our Sav - ior, Je - sus Christ; our hearts are o - pen



comes in state; the Lord of lords and King of kings, the  
 gen - tle self. His king - ly crown is ho - li - ness; his  
 king's com-mands. And bless - ed be the hearts he rules, the  
 wide in trust. Oh, show us now your love - ly grace, up -



Sav - ior of the world who brings his great sal - va - tion  
 scep - ter is his love - li - ness; he brings our sor - rows  
 hum - ble plac - es where he dwells. He is the right - ful  
 on our sor - rows shine your face, and let your Ho - ly



to the earth. So raise a shout of ho - ly mirth and  
 to an end. Now glad - ly praise our king and friend, and  
 Son of bliss who fills our lives and makes us his, cre -  
 Spir - it guide our jour - ney in your grace so wide. We



praise our God and Lord, Cre - a - tor, Spir - it, Word.  
 wor - ship him with song for sav - ing us from wrong.  
 a - tor of the world, our on - ly strength for good.  
 praise your ho - ly name, from age to age the same!

## Announcements

### Blessing

### Dismissal

A: Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

**"Rise Up, Shepherds Blues" arr Mary McDonald**

*The Postlude continues the feeling of our time together as we leave worship and go share God's love with our family, friends, and the community.*

---

Support Concordia's partnership with Common Pantry to support a 'Take What You Need' food pantry in the lobby of Swedish Covenant hospital for patients on their day of discharge. This food pantry aims to help patients leaving the hospital have needed items when they return home.

**Text the word "CONCORDIA" to 73256 to give using your mobile device** and use the drop down list to choose our 'social impact' fund or give via check with a designation of 'Common Pantry' in the memo line. Please connect with Jen Phillips if you have any questions.

---

The Annual Christmas Cookie Exchange is back! On Sunday, December 19th, bring 3 dozen cookies to church and drop them off in the gym before worship. After the service, you will pick up your container with an assortment of cookies in time for the holidays! One note: please bag your cookies in sets of 4 so that cookies can be sorted by bags and not handled individually.

---

Wishing Stars is back again this year! Help provide a Christmas gift for a child at Concordia Place! Choose an ornament from the tree in the back of the church. The QR code on the ornament links to an Amazon wish list for a child. Once a gift is purchased, the gift is shipped directly to the church, where it is then wrapped and given to the child before Christmas. Each ornament equals one gift, so please take the number of ornaments equivalent to the number of gifts you will purchase.



concordia church

# Hope for the holidays



We invite you to join us for the following events this holiday season



## Seasonal Sounds with Lakeshore Brass

*Saturday, December 18th at 7:00pm*

Concert is free in the sanctuary on Seeley. Enjoy the sounds of the season with Chicago-based quintet Lakeshore Brass. Pre-register at the website below.



## Christmas Eve Concert & Service

*Friday, December 24th: Special music at 4:30pm; Worship at 5:00pm*

We rejoice in the coming of Christmas with festive music and celebration!



## Christmas Day Worship

*Saturday, December 25th at 10:00am*

Celebrate the birth of Jesus on Christmas morning!

Concert & services offered in-person and virtually  
via livestream on our YouTube channel.



3855 N Seeley Ave

[www.concordiafaith.org/christmas](http://www.concordiafaith.org/christmas)

YouTube Concordia Church Chicago



A Concordia family of ministries serving people and communities  
[concordiaministries.org](http://concordiaministries.org) | [concordiafaith.org](http://concordiafaith.org)

## **Copyright Information:**

Below is a list of all the songs that we are using in today's liturgy with their copyright information located with them.

### **Opening Hymn**

**ELW #155**

Music: Russian Orthodox traditional

### **Taize**

**"Raise a Song of Gladness"**

### **Gospel Acclamation**

**Setting Eight**

### **Hymn of the Day**

**ELW #436 "Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying"**

Text: Philipp Nicolai, 1556-1608; tr. composite  
Music: WACHET AUF, Philipp Nicolai  
Text © 1999 Augsburg Fortress.

Duplication in any form prohibited without permission or valid license from copyright administrator.

### **Sanctus**

**Setting Eight**

### **Anthem**

**"And art Thou Come with us to Dwell" by Alan Bullard**

### **Closing Hymn**

**ELW #259 "Fling Wide the Door"**

Text: Georg Weissel, 1590-1635; tr. Gracia Grindal, b. 1943  
Music: MACHT HOCH DIE TÜR, J. A. Freylinghausen, *Geistreiches Gesangbuch*, 1704; arr. hymnal version  
Text © 1978 *Lutheran Book of Worship*, admin. Augsburg Fortress.  
Arr. © 2006 Augsburg Fortress.

---

### **Notes on the Liturgy:**

1. The Liturgy is printed from [The Evangelical Lutheran Worship](#) and is used with permission.
2. The offertory prayer, introduction to the prayers and conclusion are taken from [Sundays and Seasons](#), Augsburg Fortress, 2020, and used with permission: license number 23952.
3. [Liturgy Hymns & Text](#) are used by permission, of OneLicense: license number A-704728, Christian Copyright Licensing International (CCLI): license number 2760294, and Augsburg Fortress license number 23952.

## Church Staff Contact Information



*Rev. Nicholas Zook, Pastor*  
*nzook@concordiafaith.org*  
*773-281-1225*



*Jennifer Phillips, Director of Mission Development*  
*jphillips@concordiafaith.org*  
*773-463-1600 ex. 402*



*Desirae Diehl, Parish Administrator*  
*ddiehl@concordiafaith.org*  
*773-281-1225*



*Luke Duroc-Danner, Organist & Choir Director*  
*ldurocdanner@concordiafaith.org*



*Marisa Buchheit , Music Director*  
*mbuchheit@concordiafaith.org*



*Matt Flanagan, Audio/Visual Engineer*  
*emflanaganmusic@gmail.com*